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**Opening Reception &
Awards Ceremony**
Thursday, March 12, 2015
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

NINTH ANNUAL PURIM MASK INVITATIONAL

FEATURING WORKS FROM TULSA AREA SCHOOLS
MEZZANINE AND EDUCATION GALLERIES



March 12-April 12, 2015



Beginning on Thursday, March 12, over 400 masks created by Tulsa area school children will once again fill the galleries at The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art as part of the Ninth Annual Purim Mask Invitational.

When creating masks for the invitational, the students are not only participating and learning about another culture, but are also creating unique works of art. During the exhibition period, students have the opportunity to have their work featured in a Museum gallery setting.

The masks are juried by a panel of local art experts in three separate age divisions with all masks competing for the "Best of Show" award. Prizes for the student artists range from \$50 for first place in each division to lesser amounts through honorable mentions. The Best of Show Award is \$150 and is the purchase price for the mask that becomes part of the Museum's permanent collection. The Opening Reception & Purim Mask Awards Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, March 12 from 5-7 p.m. in the Museum Lobby.**

The Ninth Annual Purim Mask Invitational exhibit will be on display at the Museum until April 12, 2015.

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Ancient Ways: Modern Forms

An Exploration of Parallel Experience in Native American and Jewish Cultures by Oklahoma's Native Artists



February 5-April 2, 2015

The Museum is pleased to present the new exhibition *Ancient Ways: Modern Forms, An Exploration of Related Experience in Native American and Jewish Cultures by Oklahoma Native Artists*. This exhibit features the works of Cherokee treasures Jane Osti and Martha Berry, as well as works from the members of the Southeast Indian Artists Association, who created works that touch on traditions and related experiences in the cultures of two ancient tribal peoples: the Jewish people, and the Native American people.

Ancient Ways: Modern Forms was conceived as a means to find and celebrate the common ground shared by two cultures living here in Oklahoma: Jewish and Native American. The Sherwin Miller Museum asked the artists of the Southeastern Indian Artists Association to create a new work or find, in their existing work, a connection between the traditions and experiences of the two peoples; the tribes of Oklahoma and the tribes of Israel.

Most connections fell into two types; the importance of passing on traditions and keeping them alive, and the

shared experiences of Diaspora and persecution.

One work is Troy Jackson's remarkable sculpture *Carrying Tradition*, which is the embodiment of the cultural imperative of both peoples; to keep tradition alive and modernize it for use in our contemporary age. Artists Jane Osti, Chase Kahwinhut Earles, David Pruitt, Karin Walkingstick, and Scott Roberts created pottery based on ancient tribal forms; forms used by early potters in the ancient nations of Israel and Judah.

The second part of the exhibit is *Eradicating the Other: Forced Removal, Diaspora, and Assimilation as Experienced by Native American and Jewish Peoples*. Both cultures have suffered negative consequences for their beliefs and traditions. Artist Shan Goshorn created a woven basket, *Pain. Parallel. Prayer*, a Cherokee style single-weave basket woven from paper splints printed with the definition of genocide and images of the Holocaust. This exhibit will be on display Now-April 2, 2015. Please call the Museum for more information.

Tribute Recognitions

Tributes are a meaningful way to honor a special occasion or to remember loved ones. Donations to The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art provide for permanent and traveling exhibitions and educational programs. Focusing on the heritage, history and culture of the Jewish people, The Miller helps deepen perception and understanding through art.

In Memory of

Joy and Julius Bankoff

Janis & Philip Wilner

Harris Wittels

The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

In Honor of**Micah Cash**

Susan Fenster

Nathan Levit

Susan Fenster

Birthday**Laurie Berman**

Kim & Rob Coretz

Barbara & Dave Sylvan

Marriage**Mark Goldman & WC Goad**

Sharna & Stephen Bovasso

Dan Burnstein & Martin Martinez

Nancy & Harvey Cohen

Get Well Soon**Fred Strauss**

Susan Fenster

Tours

*If you would like to book a docent-led tour
or check for an available date, please contact Volunteer
Coordinator Cathey Wilson at 918.492.1818
or email her at volunteer@jewishmuseum.net.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Docents

A comprehensive training program prepares each docent to lead tours for both school groups and general audiences. Throughout the year, tours are scheduled at various times during the week and on Sundays, providing a flexible schedule for volunteers.

Docents take groups through exhibits related to the Holocaust, Jewish History and Culture, and the temporary art exhibits.

Anyone wishing to become a docent should contact Docent Chairman Stan Shapiro, Executive Director Drew Diamond, or Volunteer Coordinator Cathey Wilson at 918.492.1818. Those interested will be given an information manual regarding the Holocaust and Jewish History and Culture, and will need to be available to shadow docents leading tours and to attend the art exhibit orientations with Dr. York, and monthly meetings of the Committee of Docents.

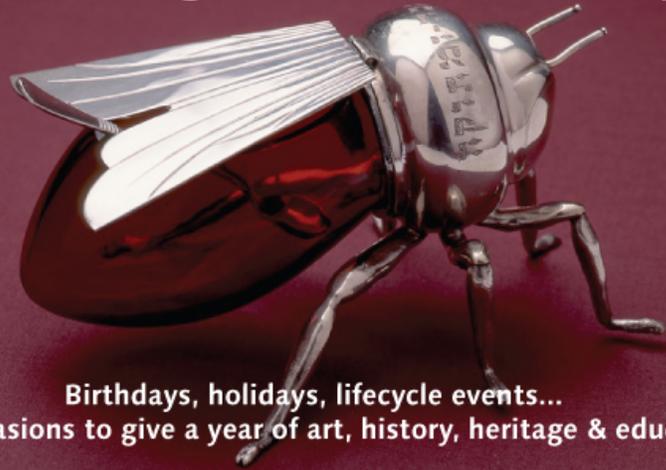
Front Desk Volunteers

Consider volunteering to welcome and direct visitors to the Museum, answer phones and visitor inquiries. In addition, front desk volunteers help process admission and merchandise sales and assist staff with special events. Front desk shifts are normally three hours in length, and a variety of weekday or Sunday hours are available to volunteers, in rotation.

Volunteers perform numerous duties essential to the success of the Museum, helping avoid salary and labor costs often associated with day-to-day activities and exhibit installation. Training is provided to volunteers for areas throughout the Museum.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Museum with other dedicated, caring, enthusiastic, and friendly volunteers and staff, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Cathey Wilson at 918.492.1818 or email volunteer@jewishmuseum.net.

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Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday in observance of Shabbat
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.